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Vulko Chervenkov Textile Mill

1. In April 1950, the "Vulko Chervenkov" Textile Mill was located at No.25 Borovo Street in Gabrovo, on the north bank of the Sinkavitsa stream; Borovo Street continues as a road to Velchovtsi (N4252, E2517), Trene (N4252, E2515), and Gaychevtsi (N4252, E2514). It is a 3-story building, 100 meters long and 30 meters wide. The first floor has the dyeing section, the second floor has the weaving section, and the third floor has the looms and other machinery. The 600 workers, all but 70-80 of which are women, were employed in three 8-hour shifts per day. 25X1
2. The following machines are located on the first floor (dyeing section): 25X1
  - a. One large "Perachnitsa" machine with two boilers, for cleaning and washing cloth; materials pass through this machine to a smaller washer;
  - b. One large "Sushilna" dryer for drying cloth; from here, materials go to another dryer, a cloth beam, where they are rolled; and
  - c. Eight "Zhigari" machines, where the cloth is dyed.
3. There are approximately 150 weaving looms on the second floor and an additional 160 weaving looms, weaver beams, and looms on the third floor.

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4. This mill produces only cotton cloth and canvas. Raw materials are brought in from other cotton spinning factories in Gabrovo for weaving and dyeing. [redacted] one worker, on one machine, must produce 11 meters of cloth per 8-hour shift; some workers had two, six, or even eight weaving looms. [redacted]
5. There is no railroad line at the factory; transportation is effected by means of trucks and horse carts belonging to the factory.
6. The storage area of the mill is a space 50x30 meters in size, located on the "other side" of the dyeing section. At times, there is enough finished cloth to load 10 trucks. Informant has [redacted]
7. The mill is enclosed by a wire fence, 1.5 meters high, in some places, and by a wall in other places. There is no fence on the side of the river. Two policemen stand guard at the entrance gate; one acts as a gateman, while the other is at a post. Generally, there are four militiamen on guard, standing watches of six hours. Militiamen were formerly supplied by the local militia station, but now they are employed by the enterprise.
8. Workers must have passes issued by the personnel section at the mill, to be admitted to the area. [redacted]

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Dobri Kartalov Tricotage Factory

9. In April 1949, the "Dobri Kartalov" Tricotage Factory was located on Borevo Street, 100 meters east of the "Vulko Chervenkov" Textile Mill, at the point where this street becomes a road. The main building is a 3-story structure, approximately 60x30 meters in size. This building has the commissary and a storage area on the first floor, 200 weaving machines and eight yarn winding machines on the second floor, and the weaving machines for "Shtraygerni" (carded) yarns, 12 "Rumhigar" machines for knitted cloth, and two "Keteni" machines on the third floor. Sewing machines are located in a building 50x10 meters in size, located southwest of the main building. Also inside the mill enclosure, are living quarters for the workers and a small diesel electric station (capacity unknown), which is used when there is no commercially-supplied power available.
10. A total of 200 workers, including 50-60 men, are employed in a single shift, from 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., daily. The management staff consists of about 15 persons. In 1949-1950, Stefan Tsankov was factory director; he was later replaced by the present director, Prodan Samov. [redacted]
11. This factory produces woolen socks, flannels, blouses, and sweaters. [redacted]  
[redacted] Raw materials consist of wool brought in from other factories in Gabrovo. The factory is equipped with one truck for transporting raw materials and finished products.
12. The storage area for raw and finished materials is located adjacent to the tailoring section. The lower floor of the factory is also used for storage. [redacted]

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13. The factory area is enclosed by a wire net fence, 1.5 meters high. Four militiamen, standing six-hour watches, guard the area. Only holders of entrance passes are allowed into the factory.

#### Burya Cotton Weaving Mill

14. In 1950, the "Burya" Cotton Weaving Mill was located on the "old highway" in the southern part of Gabrovo, 20 meters east of the Yantra River. It is a 2-story building 100x50 meters in size, and painted pink. More than 100 sewing machines and approximately 40 "Runshtan" machines, which produce knitted cloth, are located on the first floor. Spinning and "shtreki" machines are located on the second floor. Next to the mill, as an annex to the first floor, is a storage house, approximately 20x15 meters in size, which generally holds one or two truckloads of finished merchandise. The raw materials warehouse is located at a branch of the factory at Bichkina (W4251, E2520), Gabrovo Okoliya.
15. The factory is completely under Bulgarian control. It employed 450 workers during 1950 and in May 1955, probably about 700 workers. These workers are all women, and work in three 8-hour shifts per day. Management and technical personnel each consist of 20-25 persons.

16. This mill produces cotton underwear. [redacted]

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[redacted] Transport vehicles consist of one truck and one horse cart.

17. The mill area is enclosed by a wall approximately 1.5 meters high. It is guarded by four militiamen, standing 6-hour watches. Entry is by permit only.

#### Rayko Danyanov Spinning Mill

18. The "Rayko Danyanov" Spinning Mill is located in Smirneniski, Gabrovo Okoliya, on the road to Gabrovo, right at the foot of a mountain. The mill building is 70x20x14 meters in size; [redacted]
- [redacted] The first floor is used for storage and also has two "vulk" machines for preparing the cotton for spinning. The second floor has approximately 50 machines for combing the cotton, and the third floor has 12 "sulfaktor" machines for winding yarn on spools and six spinning machines.

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19. A 2-story warehouse, 40x20 meters in size, is connected to the mill by an overhead bridge. Cotton bales are stored on the first floor and finished merchandise is stored on the second floor. Also in the mill enclosure is a saw-mill, workers' quarters, and a swimming pool. Technical equipment, gasoline, naphtha, and machinery belts are stored on the lower floor of the men's dormitory.

20. Generally, 140 workers are employed; half of these are men and half are women. The mill director is an unidentified woman. Ulukhov (fnu), the accountant, [redacted]

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[redacted] The technical staff consists of 20 persons. The mill is entirely under Bulgarian management.

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21. Production consists of "shtayer" yarn for weaving. Combing machines operate on two shifts and the "sulfactors" operate on three shifts daily. The finished products are shipped to other factories in Gabrovo. Raw material is brought in from the "Dimitar Blagoev" Factory. Transport equipment consists of a single truck.

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22. The mill area is enclosed by a wire net fence. During the day, there is one militiaman on guard at the gate, and at night there are two. Entry is by permit only.

Other Factories in the Gabrovo Area

23. Other factories in the Gabrovo area are as follows:

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- a. A button factory, located in the Kapitan Dyado Nikolov quarter of the city;
- b. The "Spulena" Spools Factory, which produces spools for yarn, located in the Kapitan Dyado Nikolov quarter of the city;
- c. The "Vasil Kolarov" Cotton Weaving Mill, located on Aprilov Avenue;
- d. The "Balkan" Cotton Mill, with spinning, combing, and picking machines; largest of its type in Gabrovo;
- e. A glass factory, located at Dyado Dyanko, Gabrovo Okoliya;
- f. The "Kosta Stoev" Glass Factory, located at Dyado Dyanko;
- g. The "Georgi Dimitrov" Hemp Factory, located at Dyado Dyanko;
- h. The "Efim Apostolov" Wool Weaving Mill, located at Dyado Dyanko;
- i. The "Rayko Danyanov" (Shtayger) Spinning Mill;
- j. The "Narodna Republika" Wool Spinning Mill;
- k. An instruments factory, which produces instruments for machines;
- l. The "Uspekh" Cotton Weaving Mill, located on Aprilov Avenue;
- m. The "Georgie Genev" Wool Weaving Mill, located on Nikolaevska Street;
- n. The "Khristo Botev" Tannery, located on Skobelev Street;
- o. The "Purvi May" Tannery, located on Orlov Street;
- p. The "Vasil Levski" Tannery, located in the Petur Padalov quarter of the city;
- q. The "Georgi Kirkov" Tannery, located at Boykata (W425k, E2520);
- r. The "Lepilo" Glue Factory, located at Boykata;
- s. Warehouses of the "9 September" Factory at Boykata, now used for washing the wool from the factory;
- t. The "Surp i Chuk" Shoe Factory, on the Yantra River, near Boykata;

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- u. The "Georgi Chankov" Wool Weaving Mill, located at Palauzovo (N4250, E2521);
- v. The "Klovitsa" Gunpowder Factory, located 1.5 kilometers from Klovitsa; the main building is 40x20 meters in size. It is covered by rusty tin plates; there are other buildings in the area, [redacted] entry into the area is forbidden; doors of the factory are opened for the workers only at set hours (7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.); civilian personnel are in charge of the factory; at night militiamen guard the area;
- w. The "Sokolov" Cotton Weaving Mill, located in the mountain right by the Gabrovo Monastery;
- x. The "Petko Denev" Knife Factory, located at Nova Makhala;
- y. The "23 December" Cotton Spinning Mill, located at Lyubovo;
- z. The "Orel" Cotton Spinning Mill, located in Boltata (N4254, E2523 or N4250, E2521); and
- aa. A machine building factory, located in Boltata.

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- 24. The electric power station of Gabrovo is located north of the city, by the iron bridge near Boykata.

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